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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend Officer Rob Horner and paramedic Martin Carlen for their heroic and lifesaving actions on Silver Lake on September 8, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Silver Lake is located in Madison County; the lake is 550 acres in size and approximately 22 feet deep at its deepest point; anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish at Silver Lake, including Bluegill, Channel Catfish, and Largemouth Bass; and

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WHEREAS, On September 8, 2021 at approximately 2 p.m., Highland Police Officer Rob Horner was signaled to stop by a driver, who alerted the officer to a capsized boat on Silver Lake; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Horner arrived at the spillway and witnessed an upside-down sailboat with two passengers holding fast to the side; and

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WHEREAS, With winds at least 20 mph that day, the men clinging to the boat could not hear Officer Horner calling to them; one of the men tried to climb onto the boat and kept falling back into the water; and

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1 WHEREAS, Officer Horner made a call to the dispatcher
2 requesting the rescue team and EMS, but he quickly realized
3 the need to dive into the water; while waiting for the
4 requested support to arrive, he began swimming the 150 yards
5 to the two men in distress; and

6 WHEREAS, Due to the choppiness of the water, Officer
7 Horner used the backstroke to conserve energy as he swam
8 against the waves and wind; and

9 WHEREAS, The two fishermen were 76 and 83 years of age,
10 respectively, and one had lost his life jacket and had his leg
11 tangled in a rope; Officer Horner dove underwater to free the
12 man's leg; eventually, the boat was flipped into position, and
13 the passengers were able to regain their seats safely; and

14 WHEREAS, Meanwhile, paramedic Martin Carlen arrived and
15 swam to the two men and Officer Horner; he then helped guide
16 the boat to safety; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we commend Officer Rob Horner and paramedic Martin Carlen for
20 their quick thinking, decisive actions, and teamwork that
21 helped rescue two senior citizens from Silver Lake on

1 September 8, 2021; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to Officer Rob Horner and paramedic Martin Carlen as
4 an expression of our esteem and respect.